

Ferguson fights Deer Creek holdback

Fears Provo River flooding later if more water isn't released now

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PROVO — Mayor Jim Ferguson thinks water users who control the flow of water from Deer Creek Reservoir are still playing it a little too close.

The city has been working with the Provo River Water Users Association for several months to get more water released from the reservoir.

"We did get some released in the past few weeks, but it seems as if they have been holding water again, and that is playing it just a little bit too close," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said he is worried that if the reservoir comes close to filling, a large amount of water would be released at once. If that happens, the Provo River could flood as it runs through Provo.

"We have had an increase in the release of water since May 10," Ferguson said. "But they have been holding water again, and that doesn't seem necessary with the

large amount of runoff that still has to come down."

With all the water still in the mountains waiting to come down, the water users shouldn't worry about running out of water later in the summer by letting more water out of the reservoir now. "We still can't understand why they need to fill the reservoir now," Ferguson said. "This whole thing has never made much sense to us."

He said the city has been working through the Bureau of Reclamation to try to get more water released.

Representatives of the water users association claim the reservoir wasn't built for flood-control purposes and have said there is no need for early release of the water.

Provo has diked the banks of the Provo River in many places, but Ferguson said there is only so much that can be done.

"We don't want anyone to be alarmed, but we do have the potential for problems again this year," said Ferguson.

son. "We think the problems can be avoided."

Ferguson said dealing with the association has been frustrating, and the city is investigating possible legal action to see if it can't have more say in the release of water from the reservoir.

"Someone has got to have a more reasonable say in the management of these projects," Ferguson said. "I think we have been left with no choice but to do whatever is necessary to make sure we have some say in what happens down from the reservoir."

He said association members, who are reluctant to talk to press representatives, are worried the reservoir won't be filled.

"The reservoir is filled at 152,000 acre-feet, and as of May 22 the reservoir was at 138,000 and filling fast," Ferguson said. "It just doesn't seem likely that the reservoir won't fill."



Dell K. Allen tests computer-controlled polar coordinate milling machine designed at BYU.

BYU technology professor elected to National Academy of Engineering

PROVO — A professor of technology at Brigham Young University has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering.

Dr. Dell K. Allen, one of the main promoters of BYU's computer-aided design and computer-aided manufac-

member of the NAS.

Allen is overseeing the design and building of a miniature factory that will be run by computers and robots. "We've been working on it for two and a half years, and within a year should have something operational," he

HOUSE, Mr. and Mrs. Gary, Orem, boy.

LEE, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin, Provo, girl.

MCADAMS, Mr. and Mrs. David, Provo, girl.

NIXON, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, Orem, boy.

RICHTER, Mr. and Mrs. Mark, Orem, boy.

ROGERS, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen, Springville, boy.

SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. David, Provo, girl.

WIHONGI, Mr. and Mrs. Moses, Orem, girl.

Parenting classes at Mountain View

PAYSON — Mountain View Hospital, 1000 E. U.S. 6, is holding a series of parenting classes on four consecutive Tuesdays.

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Tempest Brewing

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A tempest in a Teapot seems to be brewing between the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, the operators of Deer Creek's Marinas, and the public.

All parties will quickly agree that with the closing of Utah Lake, due to flooding, the trend has been accelerated to make Wasatch County and at this time, Deer Creek in particular, the playground of the Wasatch Front.

The problem comes down to simply how to provide services for the influx of people. And as such, there are many proposed solutions.

The State Division of Parks and Recreation has proposed a consolidation of all marinas under one concessionaire. This would entail the eviction of all existing business.

We feel that the State Parks have done their job in recognizing and addressing the problem of the need for improved facilities. However, we must chastise them for the typically governmental approach that they are attempting to use, which is, throw out everything that is there and send the taxpayer the bill for building new facilities.

While this system works great when you can dip your hand into the public's pocket, we would encourage the State Parks to go the extra mile and work with the existing business entities that are already there. After all who at this point has a better feel for the public's needs than those businesses that are already in existence and serving the public.

We would also encourage the State Parks to give long term leases which are conducive to making long term investments and as such, make it lucrative to improve the existing facilities.

Above all don't put the marinas under one business, as this is nothing more than license to gouge the public. In some circles this is called a monopoly and the public is definitely the big loser.

drop by one cent, and that child will miss the weekly swim on Monday afternoon; since they obviously need the time to garden.

STOP WAITING UP FOR TEENS

Set your alarm for the time your teenager is supposed to be home. Then go to bed and sleep peacefully, knowing that you will be wakened in time to worry if he or she is late. If they arrive home early, they simply check in and turn off the alarm.

If you sew for your children, try sewing a small tab in the back of the neck or the waist of pants and skirts for ease in distinguishing front from back. Also, if you have several children you could color code the clothes by giving each child a specific color of tab.

Billie Jo Steele

Heber City, Mother of eight

Neat Idea! If you have several teens, you might try putting a small chalk board by the front door. Then write the name of each

loves it and enjoys feeding herself, and I know it's good for her. She also enjoys liverwurst on a cracker. I started this a few months ago since babies between about four to nine months old seldom get enough iron.

Diane Norton

Heber City

CHUCKLER

One Mother's Day years ago, my mother stood at the sink full of dirty dishes left by the large meal she had prepared. My father put his arm around her lovingly and said, "You shouldn't have to worry about doing dishes on Mother's Day honey, you can do them tomorrow!"

Billie Jo Steele

Heber City

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